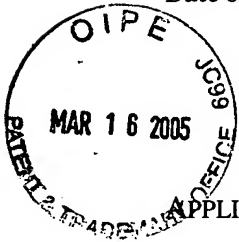


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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

This paper is in response to the non-final Office Action mailed December 16, 2004, in the above-referenced application. A response is due on March 16, 2005 and is hereby timely filed.

Applicants believe that no fees are due. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 502648, Reference No. Cura 514 CIP. Applicants request small entity status.

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